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SUBJ: EAST GERMAN ACCUSATIONS OF FRG SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY OUT OF
WEST BERLIN

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SUMMARY: EAST GERMAN SOURCES HAVE RENEWED OLD CHARGE THAT
FRG IS USING WEST BERLIN FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AGAINST THE
GDR. ALTHOUGH FLOATED IN LOW KEY, ACCUSATION RECEIVED CON-
SIDERABLE ATTENTION IN WEST, AINCE IT IS NEURALGIC INDICATOR
WHICH IN PAST HAS FREQUENTLY PRECEDED DRASTIC EASTERN
STEPS. END SUMMARY.

1. A SIDELIGHT OF GDR INDIGNATION AGAINST SPIEGEL'S
PUBLICATION OF THE "MANIFESTO" HAS BEEN REVIVAL OF ANOTHER
SERIOUS CHARGE, I.E., THAT THE FRG IS MISUSING WEST
BERLIN FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE GDR. ON
JANUARY 8 AN ADN REPORT APPEARED IN NEUE ZEIT, STATING
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THAT EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE THAT
MANY FRG INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE ILLEGALLY IN BERLIN AS
WELL AS WEST BERLIN OUTFITS ARE INTENSIFYING THEIR
"SUBVERSIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES" AGAINST THE GDR,
UNDER THE GUISE OF BEING RESEARCH OR SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZA-
TIONS. NAMED WERE SEVERAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
THE MINISTRY OF ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS, THE LATTER'S REPRE-

SENTATIVE IN BERLIN (HERMANN KREUTZER), AND THE GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH (DIW). THEIR WORK IS ALLEGEDLY STEERED BY BND. FYI: WE WILL LIST INSTITUTIONS AND COMMENT ON THEIR ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEL. END FYI. CHARGES WERE ALSO APPARENTLY REPEATED ON GDR TV.

2. SUCH ACTIVITIES REPORTEDLY VIOLATE (A) HELSINKI AGREEMENTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS AND TO GUARANTEE THAT NATIONS WILL NOT HAVE THEIR SECURITY ENDANGERED; (B) THEY ARE "IN CONTRADICTION OF SPIRIT AND LETTER OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE CONCLUDED ABOUT, OR WITH, WEST BERLIN, WITH AIM OF CONTRIBUTING TO DETENTE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND OF HINDERING COMPLICATIONS;" (C) PRACTICES ARE ALSO INCOMPATIBLE WITH FRG-GDR TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS, (D) AS WELL AS WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW (NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS).

3. ITEM 2(B) MAY BE EUPHEMISM FOR QA, BUT IT IS NOT MENTIONED PER SE.

4. THE CHARGE WAS WIDELY PLAYED UP IN WESTERN MEDIA. GERMANS ARE INORDINATELY SENSITIVE TO THIS INDICTMENT, WHICH HAS LONG HISTORY AS JUSTIFICATION AND INDICATION OF DISAGREEABLE EASTERN MOVES, E.G., THE ULTIMATUM OF 1958, THE 1961 WALL, THE 1964 SOVIET/GDR TREATY, AND RIGHT UP TO THE END OF THE 1960S.
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5. COMMENT: THE WESTERN RECEPTION WAS DISPROPORTIONATE TO WHAT SO FAR SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A ONE-DAY SENSATION. THE MODEST STORY APPARENTLY APPEARED AS CONTRIBUTION TO ATMOSPHERICS OF ANTI-SPIEGEL CAMPAIGN, BUT IT DOES NOT MENTION SPIEGEL. UNLESS IT REEMERGES IN LARGER FORMAT, WE DISCOUNT ITS IMPORTANCE. IT WAS NOT PICKED UP BY NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, AND BY NOT MENTIONING THE QA, THE GDR PROPAGANDISTS DISCONNECT THE CHARGE FROM BROADER CURRENT ACCUSATIONS AGAINST FRG ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN, E.G., SOVIET DEMARCHE OF NOVEMBER 29. GEORGE

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